

ABSTRACT

A protective enclosure for protecting garden plants against frost and other environmental hazards. The enclosure consists of semi-circular arches over which a protective cover is deployed. The cover is held in place by elastic hold-downs strung across the outside of the cover at each arch. Each arch presents to the hold-down a concave shape that receives and stabilizes the hold-down element. The cover is translucent to sunlight and may include two types of material, one impervious to wind and rain, the other a mesh transparent to wind and rain. The wind-impervious material may be bunched up under the hold-downs, leaving plants protected only by the mesh. Access to plants is gained by lifting and bunching up the mesh, which is re-deployed when access is no longer necessary.